

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CONGRATULATING ANNIE WIRTH
ON HER WIN AT THE IHSA
STATE CHAMPIONSHIP IN LONG
JUMP

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 9, 2022

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Annie Wirth, a junior from Geneseo High School, who won first place at the Illinois High School Association (IHSA) State Championship in Long Jump.

Annie's win at the IHSA Girls Track and Field State Championship can be summed up by shattered records and a team trophy. With the bar set at 5 feet, 10 inches, Annie began her attempt with a slight jump before sprinting at the bar and bending around it nearly six feet in the air. She knew that jump would set a new record, and the height of the jump was the tallest out of any of the three classes. Annie medaled again after a 17-foot, 7¾ leap, placing third in that competition. She also placed fifth in the 300m hurdles, running 45.35 in the rain. As a former athlete, I commend Annie for her dedication to her team and to her sport and am proud of how far that has taken her.

Annie's athletic success is remarkable. I am incredibly proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District and student-athletes like Annie Wirth. Madam Speaker, I would like to formally congratulate Annie Wirth again, the Illinois High School Association State Champion in Long Jump.

SALEM AMERICAN LEGION BAND

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 9, 2022

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, last month, I had the pleasure of attending the 75th birthday celebration of the Salem American Legion Band. The Salem American Legion Band was started in 1947 by World War II veterans. Today, the band is comprised of young musicians, both veterans and non-veterans, from all over Salem County, as well as neighboring South Jersey counties. The Salem American Legion Band performs two major concerts each year. In May, they have their Spring Veterans Concert, where they honor and recognize our nation's veterans for their service. Then, in the winter, the band hosts their Christmas concert. In addition to their semi-annual concerts, the American Legion Band performs at various events around the South Jersey area. Congratulations to the band on their 75th year and thank you to our veterans for their brave service. God Bless the Salem American Legion Band, and God Bless our United States of America.

HONORING JEFFERSON COUNTY'S
230TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. TIM BURCHETT

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 9, 2022

Mr. BURCHETT. Madam Speaker, today, I rise to celebrate the 230th anniversary of Jefferson County, Tennessee.

Governor William Blount formed Jefferson County in 1792 from land that was formerly part of the Southwest Territories, and it was one of the few counties created before Tennessee became the 16th state in 1796.

Davy Crockett, one of our nation's most prominent frontiersmen, called Jefferson County home for 15 years and represented Tennessee in the U.S. House of Representatives. During his residence in Jefferson County, Davy Crockett married his wife, Polly Finley, in 1806 at the Finley Homeplace.

Today, Jefferson County is home to many small businesses, abundant farmlands, and incredibly kind and wonderful residents. It is also home to several academic institutes, such as Carson-Newman University, that are shaping the minds of our future leaders.

I am proud to represent Jefferson County and its residents in the U.S. House of Representatives, and it is my honor to recognize Jefferson County's 230 years of rich history.

RECOGNIZING THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY SPECIAL FORCES AND HONORING THE "FATHER OF THE SPECIAL FORCES", COLONEL AARON BANK

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 9, 2022

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, on Sunday, June 19, 2022, we celebrate the 70th anniversary of the United States Army Special Forces—the most versatile Special Operations soldiers in the world.

Since their establishment in 1952, Special Forces soldiers have distinguished themselves globally and continue to go above and beyond the call of duty to defend the United States in combat theaters worldwide. However, due to the covert nature of many of their missions, both the measure of their sacrifice and their contribution to freedom here and abroad may never be known.

I hope all Americans will join me in celebrating their 70th anniversary and thanking them for giving more to this country than could ever be repaid and perhaps, could ever be measured.

In valor, courage, and fidelity, the Special Forces are the world's finest fighting force, and I am thankful that they are in the business of protecting the United States of America and its citizens.

I would also like to extend my appreciation to Colonel Aaron Bank, the founder and first commander of the Special Forces. After World War II, it was clear there was a place for highly trained unconventional forces. Colonel Bank began working to convince the U.S. Army to adopt a permanent unconventional warfare force. After tireless efforts, the U.S. Army launched its first Special Forces unit, the 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne), based at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, with Colonel Bank as its first commander.

Since then, the U.S. Army Special Forces has spawned special operations units from the other military branches such as the Navy SEALs, Air Force Combat Controllers, and the Marines' Force Recon.

We have Colonel Bank to thank for emphasizing the strategic and tactical importance of such units, which he modeled in designing, implementing, and commanding the Army's first Special Forces unit.

I consider it an honor and privilege to participate in recognizing both his contribution and the legacy of his vision and foresight, the United States Special Forces.

My most sincere gratitude goes out to Colonel Bank and all Green Berets as they celebrate the 70th anniversary of the U.S. Army Special Forces.

NICHOLAS GEORGE

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 9, 2022

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, last month, I attended Nicholas George's Eagle Scout Court of Honor. Nicholas is a junior at Ocean City High School and a member of Boy Scout Troop 79 in Upper Township. For his Eagle Scout project, he created a permanent memorial honoring Marienus J. Segeren (Mar-e-en J. Seg-e-ren), a trooper who died serving the New Jersey community in 1971. He decided to create this memorial because he has a strong interest in pursuing law enforcement as a future career path. Nicholas planned the project, solicited the funding, organized the labor groups, and installed the memorial all on his own. In addition, he presented the excess of funds that he obtained for the memorial to the New Jersey State Police Survivors of the Triangle to assist in the rebuilding of the lives of surviving families of law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty. Nicholas is a very special young man with high ideals. He should be proud of his contributions to the law enforcement community in New Jersey, and I wish him the best of luck in pursuing his own career in law enforcement. God Bless Nicholas, and God Bless our America.

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HONORING LT. COL. COURTNEY
KILUK

HON. C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 9, 2022

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Madam Speaker, I rise to acknowledge the exemplary service of Lieutenant Colonel Courtney Kiluk as an Army Congressional Fellow and Army Legislative Liaison. Lieutenant Colonel Kiluk is transitioning from her current assignment to taking command of the Army Aviation Battalion-Japan.

A native of St. Louis, Missouri, Lieutenant Colonel Kiluk was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in Aviation from the Purdue University ROTC program. She also earned a Master's Degree in Organizational Business and Security Management from Webster University, and a Master's Degree in Legislative Affairs from George Washington University.

Lieutenant Colonel Kiluk has served in a broad range of assignments during her 18 years as an Army officer, including Platoon Leader at Hunter Army Airfield in Savannah, Georgia; Company Commander at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, Korea and Hickam Army Airfield, Hawaii; Brigade Executive Officer at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, and Legislative Liaison in Washington, D.C. She also has served two combat deployments in Iraq and one combat tour in Afghanistan.

I have had the privilege of working directly with Lieutenant Colonel Kiluk, first as a fellow in my Capitol Hill office from 2017 until 2018. Her professionalism, performance and commitment to the mission, as both a fellow and liaison, are in keeping with the highest traditions of military service and made a lasting impression to both Members and staff of the United States Congress. Throughout her career, Lieutenant Colonel Kiluk has positively impacted soldiers, peers and superiors alike.

On a personal level, I have had the honor of also meeting Lieutenant Colonel Kiluk's family, who, as with all American military families, share her selfless commitment to our country. I thank her husband, Josh, as well as her children, Andrew and Luke, for their sacrifices made in supporting her service to our country.

Madam Speaker, it has been a genuine pleasure to have worked with Lieutenant Colonel Kiluk since the second session of the 113th Congress. Our country has benefited from her extraordinary leadership, judgment and passion for the Army profession. It is with great appreciation that I recognize and commend Lieutenant Colonel Kiluk for her service to our country and wish her all the best as she continues her service in the United States Army.

HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY
OF DISABLED AMERICAN
VETERANS

HON. JERRY MCNERNEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 9, 2022

Mr. MCNERNEY. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the Disabled American Veterans on the 100th anniversary of its founding.

In 1920, Judge Robert Marx, a disabled veteran from World War I, convened a group of veterans in Cincinnati, Ohio to form the Disabled American Veterans of the World War, or DAVWW. The DAVWW spoke for the hundreds of thousands of veterans who were rendered disabled during their service.

In 1932, Congress granted a federal charter to DAVWW, establishing it as the official voice of disabled veterans. In 1943, with the coming of another world war, the organization shortened its name to Disabled American Veterans, or DAV.

Disabled American Veterans has been among the leading organizations in advocating for legislation that improves the treatment of disabled veterans. Filing claims, providing rides, creating job placement programs, and advocating for legislation are just some of the ways Disabled American Veterans have helped our wounded warriors return to full, productive lives in our communities.

Veterans who have sacrificed so much to protect our way of life, deserve our admiration, respect, and support. I commend the Disabled American Veterans' commitment to our Nation's veterans and invite my colleagues to join me in honoring Disabled American Veterans and its century of service.

CHRISTOPHER LEMON

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 9, 2022

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, last month, I had the pleasure of attending Christopher Lemon's Eagle Scout Court of Honor. Christopher belongs to Troop 1079 of Seaville, South Jersey. For his Eagle Scout project, he created and gifted Shore Medical Center over 200 wooden hearts for their memorial recognizing COVID-19 patients who recovered in their hospital. Christopher painted the hearts with Shore Medical Center's colors, purple and white, and put them on posts. The posts were placed in the front lawn of the center and resided there for several weeks during the summer of 2021. This young man should be proud of his contributions to the memorial and I wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors. God Bless Christopher, and God Bless our America.

HONORING KNOX COUNTY'S 230TH
ANNIVERSARY

HON. TIM BURCHETT

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 9, 2022

Mr. BURCHETT. Madam Speaker, today, I rise to celebrate the 230th Anniversary of Knox County, Tennessee.

Governor William Blount formed Knox County in 1792 before Tennessee became a state, and Tennessee's first Governor and founding father, John Sevier, called Knox County home during his time in office.

Today, Knox County is home to many small businesses and large companies, abundant farmlands, and a community of the kindest folks you could ever meet. It also holds sev-

eral academic institutes that are shaping the minds of our future leaders. Tennessee's flagship university, the University of Tennessee Knoxville, was founded in Knox County in 1794 as Blount College. It also became one of our nation's first co-educational education colleges when it admitted five female students in 1804. The University of Tennessee is the alma mater of notable alumni like NFL legend Peyton Manning and American astronaut Scott Kelly.

I was proud to serve Knox County as its mayor for eight years, and I'm equally proud to represent these folks today in our Nation's capital. It is my honor to celebrate Knox County for 230 impactful years of history.

HONORING MIKE KRZYZEWSKI

HON. DAVID E. PRICE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 9, 2022

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Coach Mike Krzyzewski of Duke University on his retirement. Blue Devils everywhere are proud of his remarkable legacy, a historic career that has seen Coach Krzyzewski win five national titles and five Olympic gold medals.

I previously taught at Duke and have represented the campus and Durham for a number of years. I know firsthand of Mike Krzyzewski's character and integrity. He is not only a world-class coach; he is also a committed educator who has trained and inspired his players to succeed in whatever they undertake in life. Over his career, his players earned a combined 81 All-ACC Academic Team honors.

A native of Chicago, Coach Krzyzewski, affectionately known as "Coach K," began his 46 year-long coaching career at the United States Military Academy before becoming the longtime coach at Duke. Over his 42 years as their head coach, he garnered three Naismith Hall of Fame Coach Awards, 15 ACC championships, 13 Final Four appearances, and five NCAA Division I national championships.

Coach Mike Krzyzewski's 1,000th career victory came on a Sunday afternoon in New York City at Madison Square Garden against the Red Storm of St. John's University, surpassing his former Coach Bob Knight and establishing himself as the winningest coach in basketball history and becoming the first head coach with a four-figure win total.

With 1,129 of Duke's 2,246 all-time victories coming under Coach K, he holds claim to the NCAA record for most wins by a coach at one school and has presided over more than half of all Duke men's basketball victories. Coach K is a five-time Olympic gold medal winner—in 1984 and 1992 as Team USA's assistant coach, and in 2008, 2012, and 2016 as its head coach. Krzyzewski has consistently made history by winning.

Mike Krzyzewski's accomplishments are impressive by any measure. Equally as impressive, though, is his work off the basketball court and commitment to his local community.

I am proud to have collaborated directly with Coach K, and his wife Mickie, in securing federal support for what became the Emily Krzyzewski Family Life Center, which opened in Durham in 2006. Named after his mother,

the Center has helped to revitalize Durham's West End neighborhood and provide a safe and positive environment for disadvantaged children and families from the community. Its educational programs are unusually intensive, taking students from elementary school through college and equipping them with skills to successfully complete higher education, connect to promising careers, and become agents of change in their communities.

Beyond the Center, Coach K has been active in the Jimmy V Foundation for Cancer Research, named after his long-time friend and North Carolina State University Coach, Jim Valvano, Duke Children's Hospital, the Brain Tumor Center at Duke, and many other endeavors that have strengthened the community.

Over the course of his career, Coach K built a legacy that few in the history of basketball can compare with—his career is nothing short of astonishing. On behalf of Duke University and basketball fans everywhere, I ask all of my colleagues to join me in congratulating Coach Mike Krzyzewski on his historic career and to wish Mike, Mickie, and the rest of the Krzyzewski family all the best on their next journey.

MICHELLE PURDY

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 9, 2022

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, last month, I had the pleasure of honoring Michelle Purdy with the Republican of the Year award. Michelle is a lifelong Galloway, South Jersey resident who runs several South Jersey businesses with her husband, Don. In her spare time, she served as the President of the Family School Association for 12 years, as well as became a member of the Galloway Township Education Foundation. In 2018, Michelle won both the Outstanding leadership Award and the Citizen Advocate for Education Award. She also serves as an executive board member of the Absegami High School softball program. Then, in 2021, Michelle became the President of the Galloway Township Republican League, where she was able to embrace her passion for Republican values. Michelle is a true conservative, and it was my honor to award her with the Republican of the Year award. God Bless Michelle, and God Bless our America.

RECOGNIZING BWXT WORKERS
FOR THEIR DEDICATION TO A
SAFE WORKPLACE

HON. DAVID P. JOYCE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 9, 2022

Mr. JOYCE of Ohio. Madam Speaker, I rise today to highlight a significant milestone for a group of men and women in my district who work on some of the most complex components of our nation's nuclear reactors. With their unmatched skills and diligence, the men and women at the BWXT facility in Euclid, Ohio have surpassed five million work hours without a single accident.

While they belong to a workforce that is so accustomed to safety, those who work at the Euclid plant have jobs that demand exacting requirements and have unforgiving tolerances. They are producing the control rods used in the Navy's reactors that power our submarines and aircraft carriers. These hardworking Buckeyes follow in a long line of great Americans fabricating our Navy's powerplants as far back as the Great White Fleet. Their commitment to delivering flawless equipment to our Navy is among the many reasons the United States remains unmatched on, and underneath, the seas.

To surpass the equivalent of 570 years without a single accident at a facility such as BWXT's in Euclid speaks to the highly skilled and trained workforce employed there. Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating these workers on such an impressive milestone and thanking them for their contributions to our nation's technical and advanced manufacturing operations.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEPHANIE N. MURPHY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 9, 2022

Mrs. MURPHY of Florida. Madam Speaker, I was unable to vote on Roll Call No. 253 on June 8, 2022.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 253.

GREG SPEED

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 9, 2022

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, last month, I attended the retirement ceremony of Greg Speed, who was the CEO of Cape Counseling in South Jersey. Greg worked in the behavioral health sector for 48 years. He served at Cape Counseling Services for 37 years, where he worked as the Unit Director of Screening and Specialized Services from 1982 to 1995. Then, in 1995, Greg became the Vice President of Mental Health Services until 2000 when he became the CEO. At Cape Counseling, his leadership, direction, and vision were essential in completing a successful and seamless merger between Cape Counseling and Acenda. At Acenda, Greg continued his decade-long career and became the Chief Integration Officer during the merger. In addition, he also served and chaired multiple boards including the Human Services Advisory Committee, the Cape Alliance Steering Committee, the Health Community Coalition, and the Long-term recovery group after Hurricane Sandy. Greg should be proud of his notable career in the behavioral health sector, and I am glad I was able to attend his retirement ceremony. God Bless Greg, and God Bless our United States of America.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SCOTT FITZGERALD

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 9, 2022

Mr. FITZGERALD. Madam Speaker, due to a family commitment, I was unable to be recorded for votes on Thursday, June 9, 2022. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 255.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 9, 2022

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Madam Speaker, on June 8, 2022, I was otherwise detained and absent from the vote on Roll Call No. 246. Had I been present, I would have voted: YEA on Roll Call No. 246, H.R. 7352, the PPP and Bank Fraud Enforcement Harmonization Act.

WILLIAM PROBASCO

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 9, 2022

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, last month, I had the honor of attending William "Liam" Probasco's Eagle Scout Court of Honor ceremony. Liam is a senior at Cumberland Christian School and plans on attending Asbury University beginning this fall. He is a member of Daretown Troop 60 and worked very hard to attain his Eagle Scout ranking. For his Eagle Scout project, Liam built a 40-foot walkway bridge at Jersey Oaks Camp in Canton, South Jersey. He decided to build this walkway because access to the large field at the campground was greatly limited by ravine and hedgerow. The walkway opened up this field, which makes up 35 percent of the Jersey Oaks Camp property. Now, because of Liam's walkway bridge, the camp is planning to winterize the facility and add more buildings so that they can better serve their campers. Liam should be proud of his service to South Jersey, and it was my honor to have had the honor to attend his Court of Honor ceremony. God Bless Liam, and God Bless our United States of America.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. FRED KELLER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 9, 2022

Mr. KELLER. Madam Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Rollcall No. 254.

CELEBRATING THE CAREER OF
LIEUTENANT LONNIE T.
VINESETT, JR.

HON. RALPH NORMAN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 9, 2022

Mr. NORMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the outstanding career of Lieutenant Lonnie T. Vinesett, Jr., a dedicated community leader and honorable police officer.

Known as “Bubba” or “Terry” to his friends and family, Lt. Vinesett grew up in Indian Land. At the age of 14, he entered the Cadet Program at the Fort Mill Police Department. Shortly after, he became a security guard for Mercy Hospital. At the age of 21, Lt. Vinesett was hired by the Lancaster County Sheriff’s Office, where he began his police career. During his time with the Lancaster County Sheriff’s Office, he proudly served the same community he grew up in and loved deeply.

In 1999, Lt. Vinesett was hired by the York County Sheriff’s Office—his ultimate goal when he began his police career. During his tenure with the York County Sheriff’s Office, he experienced major milestones in his career and received numerous accolades and awards. For example, in 2007, Lt. Vinesett was working on Operation Rolling Thunder, a multi-jurisdiction operation based in Spartanburg, during which he made a traffic stop on a vehicle traveling from Atlanta to Washington, D.C. Lt. Vinesett found a secret compartment with 35 kilos of cocaine—the fourth largest interdiction drug stop in South Carolina state history.

Later in his career, Lt. Vinesett attended a Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) training on combatting sex trafficking. Shortly after this training, he and then Master Deputy Phillip Aldridge were monitoring a known website for prostitution in the Charlotte area and observed a female that appeared to be underage. The two quickly began their operation and, in consultation with the FBI, investigated and charged the man involved. This was the first case of a successful prosecution and conviction for sex trafficking of a child in South Carolina state history. Lt. Vinesett and Master Deputy Phillip Aldridge received the Merit Award from Sheriff Tolson and a recommendation from then FBI Director James Comey.

Lt. Vinesett consistently goes above and beyond the call of duty. In addition to these well-deserved accolades, he has dedicated countless hours to volunteering for community events and serving the school district in which he lives. Lt. Vinesett leads by example and has served as a guide for his children, family, and friends. He has never met a stranger, and his colleagues describe him as a “mentor and leader” to all. These stories are not outliers for a day in the life of Lt. Vinesett. His sense of service and selflessness is above reproach, leading him to earn the respect of law enforcement and citizens all over the state. His 25-year career is a testament to all the good our men and women in blue do for our communities. On behalf of the 5th District of South Carolina, I thank Lt. Vinesett for his continued sacrifice and service, and I congratulate him on his well-deserved retirement.

HUNTER CLARK

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 9, 2022

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, last month, I had the honor of presenting Hunter Clark with Congressional record paperwork and a challenge coin at his Eagle Scout Court of Honor. Hunter currently attends St. Augustine’s Prep in Richland, South Jersey and plans to attend American University in the fall. He achieved the Eagle Scout ranking as a part of Daretown Troop 60. For his Eagle Scout project, Hunter made some improvements to the beach at Camp Edge in Alloway, New Jersey. Camp Edge is part of Ranch Hope Ministries and provides care and outreach to troubled boys in the South Jersey community, as well as hosts a camp during the summer for kids of all ages. Hunter replaced some of the timber boundaries on the beach at Camp Edge. In addition, he added fishing pole hangers to the beach. Hunter should be proud of his service to South Jersey, and I wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors at American University. God Bless Hunter, and God Bless our United States of America.

PROTECTING OUR KIDS ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 8, 2022

Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of the Protecting Our Kids Act, legislation in response to the gun violence that is affecting our communities, especially our children.

Mr. Speaker, our communities continue to be ripped apart by gun violence. In the high-profile recent mass shootings in Buffalo, NY and Uvalde, TX shootings, 31 lives were lost, and many more lives were tossed into turmoil because of the actions of armed individuals. It is too easy for guns to end up in the wrong hands.

According to the Washington Post, there have been 61 mass shootings in the month of May alone. It is important that we protect our children and our communities from gun violence.

What is more important than protecting our children? Which is why I again call on the Senate to act on the commonsense legislation the House has already passed to expand background checks (H.R. 8) and our bill to close the Charleston loophole to help keep guns out of the hands of prohibited buyers.

And this week, the House will consider legislation to put in place effective and commonsense protections that can help stop gun violence and contribute to safer communities.

This includes the bill on the floor today that would bar those under the age 21 from purchasing semiautomatic rifles. The legislation would also largely bar the sale, transfer, or possession of large capacity ammunition feeding devices, create new gun trafficking penalties including for straw purchasers who buy guns to pass on to someone who is pro-

hibited from having one, and would strengthen regulations against hard to trace “ghost guns” that are turning up at more and more crime scenes in our communities.

We must do everything in our power to protect our children. Our children must be able to feel safe in their classrooms. Or the movie theater. Or in their place of worship. Our seniors and others must feel safe to go to the grocery store.

This legislation is a start. But there is more that we can and must do, including increasing investments in our children and communities such as my bill to provide grants to community-based organizations to provide deescalation training to help keep conflicts from turning violence or escalating in the first place.

I urge support of this bill.

CONGRATULATING ALICE SOTELO
ON HER WIN AT THE IHSA
STATE CHAMPIONSHIP IN TRACK
AND FIELD

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 9, 2022

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Alice Sotelo, a junior from Sterling High School who won the Illinois High School Association (IHSA) Class 2A State Triple Jump title.

Alice won the 2A State Title in the triple jump with a final clearance distance of 11.36 meters, setting a new school record. It was also her fourth time setting a new school record in the last month. As a former athlete, I commend her for her determination and attitude. Alice is an example of the importance of dedication and a strong work ethic. I am proud to see her represent Sterling so well throughout the state and the country with her talent and passion.

It is because of student leaders such as Alice that I am especially proud to serve Illinois’ 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate Alice Sotelo on her Class 2A State Title in the triple jump.

MATT WESCOTT

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 9, 2022

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, last month, I had the honor of attending Matt Wescott’s Eagle Scout Court of Honor ceremony. Matt attained his Eagle Scout ranking as a member of Boy Scout Troop 60 in Daretown, South Jersey. For his Eagle Scout project, Matt led some of his fellow scouts in building a Gaga Ball pit at Alloway School. Gaga Ball is a very popular game with elementary and middle schoolers in the South Jersey community. However, the game needs to be played inside of an octagonal shaped court, which is why Matt decided to build the school a court. This will provide years of entertainment for the Alloway community and students. Matt should be proud of his project, and it was my honor to have had the opportunity to recognize him for his service to the

South Jersey community. God Bless Matt, and God Bless our America.

HONORING PRESIDENT DR. WILLIAM R. HARVEY ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM HAMPTON UNIVERSITY

HON. ROBERT C. "BOBBY" SCOTT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 9, 2022

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Dr. William R. Harvey for his 44 years of extraordinary service as the president of Hampton University, ending one of the longest serving tenures of any sitting college president in our country.

After obtaining degrees from Talladega College, Virginia State University and Harvard University, Dr. Harvey became the 12th president of Hampton University, then-named Hampton Institute, in 1978. A native of Alabama, he looked forward to returning to the south and working at an Historically Black College & University (HBCU) after receiving his doctorate at Harvard.

Over the course of his legendary tenure, he has ensured that Hampton University has remained focused on both the academic achievement and personal development of its students. He has remained responsive to the needs of his students, building one of the nation's most premiere institutes of higher education, and he has overseen the graduation of more than 38,000 students.

Under Dr. Harvey's presidency, Hampton has built over 30 new buildings, introduced over 90 new degree-granting programs, including 12 doctorates. The average SAT score for accepted students has risen by more than 300 points during his tenure. Thanks to Dr. Harvey's visionary leadership, Hampton University is home to the world's largest free-standing proton beam cancer treatment institute. It also became the first HBCU to lead a NASA mission, launching weather and atmospheric research satellites into space. The university's endowment, which stood at \$29 million when he became president, has grown exponentially under his tenure and now exceeds \$400 million, securing a bright future for the university for generations to come.

Most recently, Dr. Harvey successfully guided Hampton University through the COVID-19 pandemic by following the science. Also leading by example, Dr. Harvey recently opened the doors of Hampton for the upcoming summer semester to refugees displaced by the Russian War in Ukraine.

Aside from his work at Hampton University, Dr. Harvey has served on numerous boards, including the National Geographic Society, National Merit Scholarship Corporation, and National Collegiate Athletic Association. He is also the sole owner of a plant that bottles Pepsi products in Houghton, Michigan. Dr. Harvey has been the recipient of many accolades and awards over the years, including the Daily Press Citizen of the Year and the Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities Humanitarian Award.

Madam Speaker, as the Hampton University community gathers this weekend to celebrate a truly remarkable leader, I want to congratulate Dr. Harvey on 44 years of legendary serv-

ice to Hampton University, the Commonwealth of Virginia and the nation. I also want to thank Norma Harvey, his wife and partner for over 50 years, for her countless contributions, and their three children—Kelly Renee, William Christopher, and Leslie Denise—and five grandchildren, Taylor, Gabrielle Lauren, Victoria, and Chloe. I thank Dr. Harvey for his decades of service and extend congratulations on a well-deserved retirement.

STOP PRICE GOUGING THE MILITARY ACT

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 9, 2022

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, today I introduce the "Stop Price Gouging The Military Act." I thank U.S. Senator ELIZABETH WARREN (D-MA) for sponsoring the companion legislation in the United States Senate.

Our "Stop Price Gouging The Military Act" would prevent defense contractors from overcharging the Department of Defense on equipment parts, closing loopholes in regulations that affect taxpayers, American service members, and businesses that fairly support military readiness. As chair of the Armed Services Subcommittee on Readiness, I know how much it costs to keep our military ready and this bill would ensure that prices for equipment parts are fair and defense contractors are rewarded for quality performance.

The Truthful Cost or Pricing Data Act requires contractors to provide accurate cost and pricing data to the government. However, current broad definitions for "commercial items" prevent military contracting officers from accurately assessing fair prices. While prices for these "commercial items" should already be reasonable because of assumed competition in the commercial market, these parts are often only sold to the Department of Defense or are drastically changed from their original commercial counterpart. Some defense contractors can then overcharge the Defense Department because there are no market checks on the price, and they are not required to provide accurate data to military contracting officials.

The Defense Department also pays companies before work is completed, and money is rarely recouped if the contractor is behind schedule or work quality is poor. With this model, there is no way to incentivize performance.

This legislation would strengthen competition requirements by amending government acquisition laws to only waive requirements to provide cost or pricing information when there is price competition. It would also restore market dynamics to the commercial item definition by closing loopholes for when a good or service has been modified from what is sold on a commercial market, create a pilot program to tie payments to performance, and require annual disclosure of changes in costs of goods sold, gross margins, and pricing strategies.

Madam Speaker, I encourage all Members to cosponsor my "Stop Price Gouging The Military Act" and support our service members, provide accountability to the taxpayer, and reward quality business that support military readiness. The legislation I introduce today would ensure just that.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 9, 2022

Mr. KEATING. Madam Speaker, I was unable to cast a vote during last night's vote series. I would have voted to retain Title III, which is consistent with my voting for the final passage of H.R. 7910. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 239.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 9, 2022

Mrs. RODGERS of Washington. Madam Speaker, I was not present in the House Chamber for the vote on Retaining Title II of H.R. 7910, Roll Call vote 238. Had I been present, I would have voted No on this measure.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF CHRISTOPHER OAKS AND THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF GOOD MORNINGS WITH CHRIS OAKS

HON. ROBERT E. LATTI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 9, 2022

Mr. LATTI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding individual, Christopher Oaks, from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District who has served his region through his radio program, Good Mornings with Chris Oaks. Chris has focused his career in radio on keeping his community informed and up to date on a range of issues. Whether it is news, sports, or weather, Chris is on the air providing the listeners with the information to start their day. Chris has always been an influential voice on the air in Ohio. In his early career, he hosted radio shows in Bellefontaine, Lima, Cincinnati, and mornings and afternoons at WFIN's sister-station WKXA.

Chris joined WFIN in June of 2002. His program, Good Mornings with Chris Oaks, quickly gained a dedicated following every weekday morning. Chris provides in-depth insight on a wide range of issues including local and regional concerns as well as relevant state and federal issues. During the school year, listeners can rely on Chris to provide the latest school delay and closing information, which help hundreds of parents to arrange their busy schedules. His listeners know they can tune in to hear interesting interviews and compelling guests every day. Chris also writes a syndicated morning show preparation report which is published monthly.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the Twentieth anniversary of Christopher Oaks and his radio show Good Mornings with Chris Oaks. It is my great pleasure to recognize this outstanding achievement, and I thank Chris for his service to our community. On behalf of the people of the Fifth Congressional District of Ohio, I wish Chris the best in all his future endeavors.

CONGRATULATING MATTHEW MARCUM ON HIS WIN AT THE IHSA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP IN TRACK AND FIELD

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 9, 2022

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Matthew Marcum, a Senior from Rock Falls Township High School, who won the Illinois High School Association's Class 2A State Champion in the 300-meter hurdles, running a 39.59 at the state final.

Although Matthew began the race for the championship on the wrong foot, he managed to finish his final year at Rock Falls as a State Champion. He posted the fastest time in IHSA's Class 2A State Boys Track & Field prelims at 39.73 seconds for the 300-meter hurdles. Matthew had qualified for state finals in the 300 hurdles last year as well, placing sixth in a very tight race. After reaching the state final again as a senior, he was determined to go out on top. In this year's 2A State Championship, he ran even faster, running a 39.59 on his way to a state championship. As a former athlete, I appreciate the fortitude Matthew displayed to achieve his dream of being a state champion and commend him for his determination and attitude. Matthew is an example of the importance of dedication and a strong work ethic. I am proud there is such young talent in our community, and to see him represent Rock Falls so well throughout the state.

It is because of student leaders such as Matthew that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate Matthew Marcum a 2A State Champion in the 300-meter hurdles.

COMMEMORATING THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE 340B DISCOUNT DRUG PROGRAM

SPEECH OF

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 7, 2022

Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of the 340B drug pricing program in this 30th anniversary year of ensuring access to patient care through our Nation's safety net providers.

The 340B program is critical for safety-net providers in my district, including a total of 22 combined hospitals, and medical centers all of which uses its program savings to provide a range of services in response to social determinants of health screening, such as

Food pantries within hospitals;

Emergency food/meal delivery assistance, and pilot programs focused on providing housing and transportation assistance; and

Strengthening the health sciences career pipeline and educational attainment efforts through targeted academic enrichment and youth workforce development for more than 3,000 pre-K thru college students.

On a personal level, there is the case of Erika Aguero who was uninsured when she was diagnosed with breast cancer. Erika called many places to try and schedule treatment but because of her insurance status, providers were unable to help her access affordable care. She thought cancer was going to end her life. When Erika called Mount Sinai hospital in Chicago the hospital provided her access to affordable chemotherapy treatment using the hospital's 340B savings. Mount Sinai provided Erika with a 340B-supported discount card that enabled her to receive eight cycles

of intravenous chemo and seven cycles of chemo medications. Erika says, "I felt like I had a new opportunity to carry on and keep fighting." Today she is healthy and thankful to Mount Sinai.

340B has been vital for 30 years and will continue to be vital for decades to come. We must protect 340B. It is only fitting that we meet today on the 8th day of Black History Month. I am pleased to represent the historic 7th Congressional District, which has been central throughout the nation to the progress of the poor and underrepresented and underserved people of color, namely African Americans throughout American history:

It is the location in City of Chicago where Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. established his northern Freedom Campaign headquarters to demonstrate against racial discrimination and expose the north's quality of life disparities in 1966.

It is the location of the Illinois Black Panther Party headquarters where my colleague BOBBY L. RUSH risked his life fighting and where Chairman Fred Hampton was assassinated while fighting to close quality of life disparities for poor black people in 1969.

Today, it is where there are more hospital beds to care for the sick and the poor than any other district in the Nation.

I believe that the 340B Program stands consistently in kindred spirit with the public policies advocated by President Abraham Lincoln, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and Chairman Fred Hampton. I am pleased to stand in this tradition with my continued support of this vital program which addresses the critical health needs of the citizens of the 7th Congressional District and indigent populations throughout the Nation.